

BACKGROUND

- **ELAP moved from the Department of Public Health to the State Water Board in 2014**
 - Initiated a programmatic review to assess program effectiveness
- **SCCWRP was asked to facilitate the review**
 - Review conducted by a panel of independent technical experts
- **Supported by a Stakeholder Advisory Committee**
 - Committee helped with Panel member selection, charge question definition and development of agenda for Panel meetings

PANEL MEMBERS

- **Lara Phelps**

- USEPA's Senior Advisor for Measurement, Modeling, Monitoring, and Laboratory Science
- Designated Federal Official for USEPA's Environmental Laboratory Advisory Board

- **Dr. Jordan Adelson**

- Director of the Navy's Laboratory Quality and Accreditation Office

- **Steve Arms**

- Former head (now retired) of Florida's Environmental Laboratory Certification Program

- **David Speis**

- Former President (now retired) of one of the largest laboratories not doing business in California

PANEL PROCESS

- **A two-part review process**
- **2015: An initial assessment of program status**
 - Three Panel meetings during 2015 (all public)
 - Panel report in October
 - Followed by a presentation to this Board
- **2017: A review of program progress**
 - Has ELAP taken appropriate steps to resolve challenges identified in the initial review?
 - That is the report you will hear about today